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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 368/75) for a regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No. 517/72 of 28 February 1972 on the introduction of common rules for regular and special regular services by coach and bus between Member States

Rapporteur: Mr. K. NYBORG

By letter of 5 November 1975, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No.517/72 of 28 February 1972 on the introduction of common rules for regular and special regular services by coach and bus between Member States.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport.

On 10 December 1975 the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport appointed Mr NYBORG rapporteur.

It discussed the draft report at its meeting of 21 January 1976 and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

It was decided to ask for the report to be dealt with without debate in plenary sitting.

Present: Mr McDonald, chairman; Mr Nyborg, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Albers, Mr Ellis, Mr Evans, Mr Giraud, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Kellet-Bowman, Mr Mursch, Mr Osborn and Mr Seefeld.

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The Committee on Regional Policy and Transport hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No. 517/72 of 28 February 1972 on the introduction of common rules for regular and special regular services by coach and bus between Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 368/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 495/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C 279, 6.12.1975, p.3

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The European Parliament delivered a favourable opinion, based on the CIFARELLI report (Doc. 193/70), on the Commission proposal underlying Council Regulation No. 517/72 of 28 February 1972 on the introduction of common rules for regular and special regular services by coach and bus between Member States¹.
2. The 1972 regulation was adopted in implementation of Council Regulation No. 117/66 of 28 July 1966 on the introduction of common rules for international passenger transport by coach and bus².
3. The introduction of common rules was intended to give Member States the means to introduce regular services and special regular services necessary to provide for the specific transport needs that may arise on particular routes, to maintain them and to keep them operating efficiently³, at the lowest possible cost to the community.
4. Article 20 of the 1972 Council regulation gives Member States the possibility of waiving, by mutual agreement, certain requirements of the regulation.

These provisions were made to meet the special transport requirements that may arise in frontier regions, and allow more flexible arrangements.

5. The present Commission proposal takes account of the accession of two Member States separated by seaways, by applying the provisions of Article 20 to sea journeys.

The Commission has rightly based itself here on the proposition that the same arrangements should be made for passenger transport on such routes as those for goods transport adopted by the Council in its directive of 19 December 1972 amending the first directive of 23 July 1962 on the establishment of certain common rules for international transport (carriage of goods by road for hire or reward)⁴.

¹ OJ No. L 67, 20.3.1972, p.19

² OJ No. 147, 9.8.1966, p.2688

³ Doc. 95/69; Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities

⁴ Directive No. 72/426 EEC, OJ No. L 291, 28.12.1972, p.155